THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) At the meeting taken by the Union Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Food & Civil Supplies on 14-12-1986 at Patna, it was, *inter alia*, decided that in order to make the functioning of the Public Distribution System in Bihar more effective, more godowns for storing foodgrains would be constructed in Bihar, adequate stocks of foodgrains would be maintained, supplies of foodgrains to Bihar woud be stepped up and additional financial assistance would be given to the Government of Bihar for the purchase of mobile vans. Steps have already been taken to implement the above decisions. The Cenrtal Government is already supplying to Bihar seven essential commodities on a regular basis. At times, State Governments including Bihar are not lifting the supplies of these essential commodities due to various reasons. However, the Central Government has been from time to time impressing upon the State Governments, including the Government of Bihar to strengthen and streamline the Public Distribution System in the State considering that the overall effectiveness of the Public Distribution depends to a great extent on the extent of linkages at the State/District/Block/Village levels for storing, transportation and distribution of essential commodities.

Foodgrains Stock

764. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total buffer stock of foodgrains in the country;

(b) what is the total cost of this stock;

(c) what is the cost of storage of this stock per annum;

(d) whether Government propose to dispose of this stock by giving foodgrains to the people living below poverty line at concessional rates; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Total stocks of wheat and rice available with the Food Corporation of India and the States on Central Account as on Februrary 28, 1987 and their cost are as under:—

(Qty. in lakh tonnes Value in Rs. crores)

Wheat		Rice	
Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
111.01	2246.62	38.05	2285.43

(c) The average quantity of buffer stocks to be maintained during 1987-88 is expected to be 95.78 lakh tonnes and its carrying cost is estimated to be Rs. 415.78 crores including transit and storage losses.

(d) and (e) The stocks are being utilised for public distribution system, rural employment programmes, supplies of foodgrains at specially subsidised prices to the people in Integrated Tribal Development Project areas and the tribal majority States/Union Territories, Nutrition Programme for young children, pregnant women and nursing mothers.

बिहार में पशुओं की नस्ल में सुधार

765. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव** : क्या कृषि मंत्री 27 फरवरी, 1987 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 398 के दिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि बिहार में न तो सरकार द्वारा कोई पशु परियोजना अनुसंधान केन्द्र चलाया जा रहा